

(including areas now under Jharkhand) 19588 villages need to be electrified. The Members of Parliament have also been requested to provide funds from their Local Area Development Fund for this purpose.

**Setting up gas-based power projects in Ninth Five Year Plan period**

1906. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have proposal to set up gas-based power projects during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;
- (b) if so, the number of gas-based power projects proposed to be set up in different regions in the above plan period;
- (c) whether the gas-based power projects have been set up as scheduled;
- (d) if not, the progress thereon; and
- (e) the additional capacity created with the execution of those gas-based projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. As per the revised 9th Plan Capacity Addition Programme, 28 gas based power projects (8850.9 MW) were proposed to be set up.

Out of 8850.9 MW capacity proposed to be added during the 9th Plan, projects totaling 3287.5 MW have already been commissioned and 1664.0 MW capacity is likely to be commissioned during the remaining period of the 9th Plan.